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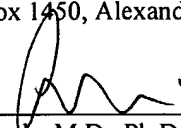
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**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications (copies enclosed) that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
C1041.70002US00	09/241,653	February 2, 1999	Wagner et al.
C1041.70005US00	09/355,254	February 22, 2000	Wagner et al.
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C1041.70010US00	09/786,436	March 2, 2001	Wagner et al.
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C1039.70084US00	10/649,584	August 25, 2003	Krieg et al.
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C1039.70083US00	10/690,495	October 21, 2003	Krieg et al.
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C1041.70036US01	10/872,196	June 18, 2004	Lipford et al.
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¹Copy not enclosed; identical specification as instant application 09/818,918

²Copy not enclosed; see C1039.70083US00, Serial No. 10/690,495 for identical specification

³Copy not enclosed; see C1041.70005US00, Serial No. 09/355,254 for identical specification

⁴Copy not enclosed; see C1041.70002US00, Serial No. 09/241,653 for identical specification

⁵Copy not enclosed; see previously cited C1039.70035US00, Serial No. 09/699,187 for identical specification

⁶Copy not enclosed; see previously cited C1040.70006US00, Serial No. 09/316,199 for identical specification

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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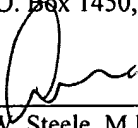
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:


Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Supplemental Statement Filed Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure Under 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98
- ☒ PTO-1449 Form and references (2 boxes sent)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000, Boston, Massachusetts.

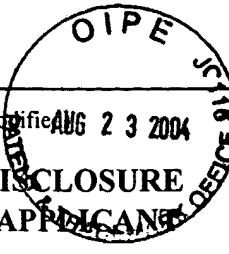
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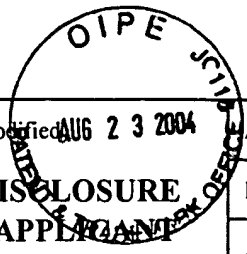
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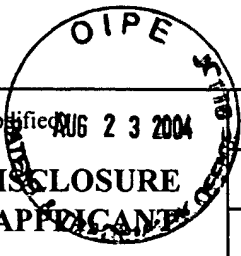
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